

COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Weisswasser 25X1A

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS

SOURCE [REDACTED] 25X1X

Beginning 15 September, Soviet units practiced at the Weisswasser artillery firing range. Source believed that the soldiers only temporarily used the range for firing with live ammunition with tanks, AT guns and mortars. Reports of tanks and AT guns were heard in Weisswasser on 15 and 16 September. At 5 a.m. on 15 September, imprints of track-laying vehicles were seen in Weisswasser, going from the direction of Spremberg toward Nochten. At 6 a.m. on 15 September, 10 trucks including [REDACTED] each towing one mortar and carrying soldiers were seen between Muskau and Weisswasser. The column was again observed at 9 p.m., coming from the direction of Nochten and proceeding toward Cottbus. At 10 a.m. on 16 September, 12 trucks [REDACTED] each towing a 57-mm AT gun and carrying soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with submachine guns came from Nochten and proceeded toward Spremberg. Jeep [REDACTED] drove from Weisswasser toward Nochten.

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[REDACTED] to the 9th Meck Div whose bulk is in camp Forst Tauer at present. Other elements of the division were seen in Cottbus by another source on 15 September. [REDACTED] It is believed that these units performed firing practice in Weisswasser as they had done previously.

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